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__METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR QUALITY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF A SUPPLIER BASE__ ,

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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Prior Foreign Application(s)   Priority Claimed

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(Application No.)	(Filing Date)

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